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Precious Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What was Jesus' first action when He began His ministry? As I read this question, it gave me pause. Jesus is baptized, spends forty days in the wilderness, and then begins His ministry in Galilee. And just what is the first thing He does? Jesus calls His team. First, Peter and Andrew, followed by James and John. Ultimately, Jesus calls a total of twelve together to intimately share His life and His mission.

If I have a mission or goal to accomplish, do I recruit a team? Or, do I go solo?

My answer is the reason this question made me pause and consider.

On our Walk to Emmaus we learn of the priesthood of all believers. Let's recall exactly what that means. In its simplicity it means that all believers, *laity and clergy*, are called to be priests to one another—to serve as instruments of God's grace in other people's lives. To be the very body of Christ that Paul describes in his letter to the church at Corinth.

With each Walk to Emmaus weekend, we welcome new members into this priesthood of all believers. People just like you and me. God calls us to the Walk and He meets us there. In those seventy-two hours, He equips us. As the priesthood of all believers, He equips us to stand in the gap with Christ and bridge the separation between people and God where the grace of Christ needs to be made real.

Please don't misunderstand. No one fills in for Christ. Christ alone is the bridge. He alone is the sacrificial lamb that restored us to right relationship with God, but God uses us as the earthly face, the human touch, the loving hug that may be the catalyst for someone to fully experience and finally understand the grace of God. That moment when God's grace moves from a mere definition in the mind to a real connection in the heart.

As we carry out our mission as the priesthood of all believers, let's remember Jesus' first act as He started His mission: He recruited His team.

Just as Jesus called his apostles to share His life and ministry, we too must share our mission. Our mission to make Christ real to others, to be channels of God's grace, and to proclaim the mighty acts of God isn't intended to be done alone. Just as Jesus used His team of apostles to start the early church, we can't accomplish Christ's mission going solo. It takes teamwork.

So as final preparations are completed for Men's Walk #85-2018, let's join hands to fully work together to share the mission of the Walk to Emmaus. Let's open our hearts to be fully used as God's instrument of grace to the pilgrims, team, and community. If you sponsored a pilgrim, don't miss sponsor's hour. On Saturday evening, let's pack the chapel for Candlelight. Pray. Write letters to the pilgrims supporting and encouraging them. And finally, as the weekend draws to a close, let's cheer the pilgrims on at Closing services as they share how much this weekend meant to them.

*Whether on the team or not, whether you sponsored a pilgrim or not, fully engage in the weekend.*

***Be an instrument of God's grace.***

And then let's gather and link arms together on November 16, 2018 at John Wesley UMC (Victoria) to welcome the men of Walk #85-2018 as instruments of God into this wonderful Emmaus community, this priesthood of all believers!

De Colores!

*Monica*

excerpts from "If Jesus Didn't Go Solo, Neither Should We!"

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## MEN'S WALK #85-2018

*Calling all Community!*

*Visit our website*

*[www.cremmaus.org](http://www.cremmaus.org)*

*Sign up for the remaining slots  
on the*

*Prayer Vigil*

*for the*

*Men's Walk!*

**Be an Instrument of God's Grace!**

**WHEN:** October 18 – 21, 2018

**WHERE:** Spiritual Renewal Center, Victoria

**CANDLELIGHT:** Saturday, October 20, 2018

Gates Open at 8:00 P.M.  
Services begin at 8:30 P.M.

**CLOSING:** Sunday, October 21, 2018

Gates Open at 3:00 P.M.  
Services at 3:30 P.M.

## GATHERINGS

October 12, 2018

Methodist Church, Seadrift  
(Men's Team Commissioning)

November 16, 2018

John Wesley UMC, Victoria  
(Babe Chicks meet at 6:00 PM)

December 14, 2018

Danevang Lutheran Church, Danevang  
(Board Elections will be held)

POTLUCK DINNERS BEGIN AT 6:30 PM!

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## BOARD ELECTIONS

It's the time of year when our Crossroads Emmaus community elects a new class of directors to serve on the Board and lead us in the activities of our community. The responsibilities of the Board include governing the community; establishing and maintaining the bylaws of the community; and ensuring that the community maintains the integrity of the Emmaus movement for all community sponsored weekends and events.

Each year we elect a class of four members to serve on the Board for a three-year term. Terms of office begin January 1 and terminate December 31.

The four nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be duly elected. The election will be held at the Gathering on December 14, 2018, at Danevang Lutheran Church, Danevang, Texas.

### Currently we have three nominees for the Class of 2021:

Faith Johnson  
Steve Carroll  
Jan Scott

**We need at least one more person to fill the slate of nominees. IS THAT YOU? If you are interested in serving, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee immediately:**

Jesse Avendano  
[eccocyouthminister@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eccocyouthminister@sbcglobal.net)

Kim Wood  
[raw3@swbell.net](mailto:raw3@swbell.net)

Mike Myers  
[myersm@prodigy.net](mailto:myersm@prodigy.net)

## Next Board Meeting:

**Tuesday, November 13, 2018**

**7:00 PM**

**Jackson Electric Coop  
8925 State Highway 111 South  
Ganado, TX 77962**

The Walk to Emmaus is not a new denomination or an ecumenical parachurch that one joins in hopes of finding a perfect corporate life. It does not take care of all one's spiritual needs or direct all of one's ways of serving God. *The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual movement that has been called to a unique task within the church.*

*"Day Four" by Robert Wood*

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## *Do you receive the newsletter in your inbox?*

Sign up to receive the newsletter, Prayer Circle, and all the latest news on our website. Click on this link:

<http://cremmaus.org/sign-up-for-notifications>

Click the blue "**Sign me up!**" tab at the bottom left of this screen and let us know that you would like to sign up for the electronic notification of Emmaus events, needs and concerns!

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*Don't forget this important ministry!*

### KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Men's Kairos @ Stevenson Unit, Cuero

November 1-4, 2018

Check out this link for General information and Calendar for Kairos activities in Texas:

<https://www.kairostexas.org/index.html>

Financial support is always welcome and needed for this important ministry. Please reach out to Jack Tudor if you'd like to support Kairos!

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<i>Lay Director:</i>	<i>Mike Myers</i>	<i>Class of 2020:</i>
<i>Asst. Lay Director:</i>	<i>Jesse Avendano</i>	<i>Linda Alderson</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Steve Bales</i>	<i>Daniel &amp; Kelly Lockey</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Daniel &amp; Kelly Lockey</i>	<i>Rick Graff</i>
<i>Team Selection Chair:</i>	<i>Carolyn Gordon</i>	<i>Ron Langford</i>
<i>Immediate Past Lay Director:</i>	<i>Tyanne Rakowitz</i>	
<i>Community Spiritual Director:</i>	<i>Rev. Richard Young</i>	<i>Class of 2019:</i>
<i>Community Asst. Spiritual Directors:</i>	<i>Rev. Dan Zellmer</i>	<i>Steve Bales</i>
	<i>Rev. Paul Beard</i>	<i>Clint Mitchell</i>
<i>Prayer Vigils:</i>	<i>Bo Raz</i>	<i>Cheryl Worley</i>
<i>Agape Chair:</i>	<i>Cheryl Worley</i>	<i>Carolyn Gordon</i>
<i>Trailer:</i>	<i>Sharing the Love of Christ</i>	
	<i>Men's Reunion Group,</i>	
	<i>Port Lavaca</i>	
<i>Music:</i>	<i>Linda Alderson</i>	<i>Class of 2018:</i>
<i>Candlelight:</i>	<i>Mike Kinsey</i>	<i>Jesse Avendano</i>
<i>Reunion Groups:</i>	<i>Boz Raz</i>	<i>Kim Wood</i>
<i>Fundraising:</i>	<i>Jesse Avendano &amp;</i>	<i>Mike Myers</i>
	<i>Ron Langford</i>	
<i>Newsletter:</i>	<i>Monica Bard</i>	
<i>Website:</i>	<i>Bill Rakowitz</i>	
<i>Emmaus Registrar:</i>	<i>Kim Wood</i>	
<i>Community Trainers:</i>	<i>Neta &amp; Gerald Ripple</i>	
<i>2018 Women's Walk Lay Director:</i>	<i>Neta Ripple</i>	
<i>2018 Men's Walk Lay Director:</i>	<i>Paul Gordon</i>	